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The reply brief filed July 27, 2006, has been entered and considered. Appellants' dictionary definitions of "establish" and "initiate," supplied in response to the examiner's discussion of the previous rejection of claim 1 (under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph, for failing to comply with the written description requirement), are noted. (See Non-Final Rejection (04/05/2004) at pp. 5-6; Reply Brief at pp. 6-7.) The application has been forwarded to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences for decision on the appeal.

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